GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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FUNCTIONING OF POST OFFICES/ TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN RENTED HOUSES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Post Offices and Telephone Exchanges functioning at present in rented houses in Assam against those operating from Departmental buildings;

(b) the details of proposals received and action plan finalised to construct departmental buildings and post offices, location- wise, indicating target fixed, amount allocated and implementation status of such ongoing projects; and

(c) the details of modernisation plan, if any, under implementation in the State of Assam for Telecom, IT and Postal sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, 455 Post Offices are functioning in rented houses against 158 Post Offices operating from departmental buildings.

Information in respect of Telephone Exchanges is under collection and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) 5 proposals for Post Office building projects namely Bharalumukh, Nalbari, Dhubri, Dhemaji and Goalpara Post Offices are tentatively included in the 10th Five Year Plan. These building projects are likely to be commenced and completed with in the 10th Plan period.

Information in respect of Telephone Exchanges building projects is under collection and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Details of modernization plan under implementation in the State of Assam in postal sector during the current financial year is given in the Annexure.

Information in respect of Telecom sector and Information Technology sector is under collection and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Annexure
DETAILS OF MODERNISATION PLAN UNDER IMPLEMENTATION IN THE STATE OF ASSAM DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme/Activity	Outlay (Rs. in crore)
1.	Computerisation of post offices (installation of MPCMs), Accounts & Administrative Offices and software development	1.63
2.	Modernisation of operative/working system (improving ergonomics)	0.26
3.	Modernisation/upgradation of premium products	0.12
4.	Upgradation & promotion of philately	0.06
5.	Modernisation of Circle Stamp Depot	0.04
6.	Training equipment	0.20

7 New products & services- Development of financial products and services.	0.04
Total	2.35